



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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**FINAL AGENDA**

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DATE: **July 10, 2001**

TIME: **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

DATE: **July 11, 2001**

TIME: **8:45 AM – 5:00 PM**

LOCATION: Heathman Lodge  
7801 NE Greenwood Drive  
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**AGENDA – July 10, 2001**

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**7:00 p.m. 1. Call to Order\*\***

**7:05 p.m. 2. Work Session on Board Priorities for 2001-03 (see Tab 13)**

- *Don Sloma, State Board of Health Executive Director*
  - Discussion of 1999-2001 Board Activities and Accomplishments
  - Discussion of the Board's Possible Priorities for 2001-2003

**9:00 p.m. Adjournment**

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- 8:30 a.m.**      **1. Call to Order\*\***  
                     **2. Approval of Agenda—Action**  
                     **3. June Minutes—Adoption**
- 8:40 a.m.**      **4. Priority Health Goal – Children’s Health and Well Being Update**  
                         ▪ *Vickie Ybarra, State Board of Health Member*  
                         ▪ *Doreen Garcia, State Board of Health Staff*  
                         **- Board Discussion and Possible Action**
- 9:00 a.m.**      **5. Department of Health Update**  
                         ▪ *Mary Selecky, Secretary, Department of Health*
- 9:10 a.m.**      **6. SBOH Staff Announcements and Other Board Business**  
                         ▪ *Don Sloma, State Board of Health Executive Director*
- 9:20 a.m.**      **7. Welcome/Introduction**  
                         ▪ *Mary Kufeldt-Antle, Board Chair, SWW Health District*  
                         ▪ *Dr. Karen Steingart, Health Officer, SWW Health District*
- 9:25 a.m.**      **8. Access to Care Issues in Southwest Washington**  
                         ▪ *Kay Koontz, Executive Director, SWW Health District*  
                         ▪ *Geoff Lang, President & CEO, SW Medical Center*
- 10:05 a.m.**      **BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m.**      **9. Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner**
- 11:00 a.m.**      **10. Ida Zodrow, Acting Chair Governor’s Sub-Cabinet on Health**
- 11:30 a.m.**      **11. Briefing HRSA Grant on Access to Medical Care and Insurance**  
                         ▪ *Mich’l Needham, Senior Policy Analyst, OFM*  
                         ▪ *Jenny Hamilton, Senior Policy Analyst, OFM*
- 12:00 p.m.**      **12. Public Testimony**
- 12:15 p. m.**      **LUNCH BREAK**

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**1:30 p.m. 13. Work Session on Board Priorities for 2001-03**

- *Linda Lake, State Board of Health Chair*
- *Craig McLaughlin, State Board of Health Staff*
- *Keith McCandless, Consultant*

**5:00 p.m. Adjournment**

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**FYI**

As of: July 5, 2001

**Addressed to Board**

*For more information, see the Board website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh> or contact Desiree Day Robinson at (360) 236-4107.*

**Letter to the Board of Health Regarding “Healthier Washington: Eliminating Disparities and Organizational Change” Grant Program**

*Source: Washington Health Foundation, May 10, 2001*

*A letter requesting promising candidates be encouraged to apply for the Healthier Washington grants.*

**Letter to the Board of Health Regarding the Board’s Proposed Final Report on Health Disparities**

*Source: School of Medicine, University of Washington, June 7, 2001*

*A letter expressing concerns regarding recommendations in the Board’s Proposed Final Report on Health Disparities*

**Letter to the Board of Health Regarding the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee**

*Source: The Honorable Pat Thibaudeau, 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District, June 15, 2001*

*A letter expressing appreciation for input on pertinent health issues during the legislative session*

**Letters to the Board of Health Regarding Cell Phones**

*Source: Washington Citizens\*, June 11-22, 2001*

*Letters requesting the Board to address the issues relating to cell phone usage*

*Trena M. Bradley	*Aho’I Mench	*Stephen J. Teixeira, GM
*Diane Dondero	*Greg and Lois Micheletti	Days Inn
*Susan Ensign	*Barbara J. Morando	*Kathy Tennyson, RN
*Phillip Holzinger	*Joan and Mike Plaja	
*Bettye Johnson	*Kelly and Melynda Schmitt	

**Letter to the Board of Health Regarding Substitute Senate Bill 5679**

*Source: Washington Department of Health, June 21, 2001*

*Letter requesting the Board to nominate representative to the HIV/AIDS Prevention Study Committee to assess the goals and funding of HIV/AIDS prevention programs in the state of Washington*

**Letters to Board of Health Members Regarding Reappointment to the Board, 2001-2005**

*Source: The Honorable Gary Locke, Governor, June 22, 2001*

*Individual letters to the following Board Members extending Governor Locke’s congratulations upon their reappointment to the Board for the term 2001-2005: Joe Finkbonner, Linda K. Lake, Dr. Thomas H. Locke, Carl Osaki and Vickie Ybarra*

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**Letter to Board of Health Member Carl Osaki Regarding Proposed Final Report on Environmental Health**

*Source: Barbara Stuhling, July 3, 2001*

*Letter requesting Board Member Carl Osaki to review recent State Health Department and King County/Seattle Health Department study relating to health problems for residents in the airport area for possible inclusion in the Proposed Final Report on Environmental Health*

**Conferences**

**National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

*Sponsored by: NALBOH in cooperation with The Ohio Association of Boards of Health*

*July 25-28, 2001, Sheraton Cleveland City Centre, Cleveland, Ohio*

*Boards of Health: Building Healthy Communities Through Partnerships and Policies.*

*For more information, call NALBOH at (419) 353-7714 or email at [nalboh@nalboh.org](mailto:nalboh@nalboh.org)*

**Telemedicine Reimbursement: Next Steps**

*Sponsored by: Center for Telemedicine Law*

*August 3, 2001 (one day workshop), Washington, D.C.*

*Workshop Topics Include:*

*Telemedicine Reimbursement – State of the Nation...Home Health Providers – Reimbursement Issues...Expanding HCPCS Codes and Services...Addressing the question of eligible sites...Is it time to expand “store and forward”...Geographical expansion and the move to urban centers...Review and analysis of rules to implement BIPA 2000...What’s next? Strategic Direction*

*For more information, call CTL at (202) 775-5722 or visit their website at [www.cctl.org](http://www.cctl.org)*

**NCSL’s 2001 Annual Meeting & Exhibition**

*Sponsored by: National Conference of State Legislatures*

*August 11-15, 2001, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas*

*Navigating the Crosscurrents of America*

*For more information, call NCSL at (888) 221-9425 or visit their website at [www.ncsl.org/am01](http://www.ncsl.org/am01)*

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual State Health Policy Conference**

*Sponsored by: National Academy for State Health Policy*

*August 12-14, 2001, Adam’s Mark Hotel, Charlotte, NC*

*Inch-by-Inch, State-by-State: Advancing the Health Reform Debate*

*For more information, call NASHP at (207) 874-6524, by email at [info@nashp.org](mailto:info@nashp.org) or visit their website at [www.nashp.org](http://www.nashp.org).*

**Correspondence from the Board**

*For more information, contact Desiree Robinson, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4107 or by email at [Desiree.Robinson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Desiree.Robinson@doh.wa.gov).*

**Letter to Tim Fox and Marian Mehegan Regarding Access to Medical Care**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, June 21, 2001*

*In response to question posed at the Health Care Forum in Olympia, “A Guide to the State Board of Health’s Menu of Critical Health Services” was provided to Mr. Fox and Ms. Mehegan.*

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**Letter to Secretary Mary Selecky, Department of Health, Regarding Wireless Telephones and Wireless Communication Facilities**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, June 25, 2001*

Follow up to testimony during the March 2001 State Board of Health meeting

**General Interest**

*For more information, contact Desiree Day Robinson, Washington State Board of Health, at (360) 236-4107 or by email at [Desiree.Robinson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Desiree.Robinson@doh.wa.gov).*

**Letter to Ms. Rose Feliciano, Special Assistant for Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, May 16, 2001*

RCW 43.20.030 State board of health—Members—Chairman—Staff support—Executive Director, confidential secretary—Compensation and travel expenses of members

**Questions Submitted During Health Care Forum, Olympia, WA**

*Source: Washington State Board of Health, May 30, 2001*

Summary of questions submitted by citizens at Sen. Cantwell and Sen. Murray's health care forum

**Publications**

**Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, May 2001*

In this Issue:

*Bridging the gaps in chronic illness care for children...Put quality care for chronically ill children on the front burner...Predictive modeling program identifies high-risk patients before complications lead to skyrocketing costs...Template for chronic care is put to valuable use in a small, hospital-based asthma program*

*For more information, contact National Health Information, L.L.C. at (800) 597-6300 or (404) 607-9500, by email at [nhi@nhionline.net](mailto:nhi@nhionline.net) or visit their website at [www.nhionline.net](http://www.nhionline.net)*

**Disease Management Advisor**

*Source: National Health Information, LLC, June 2001*

In this Issue:

*Movement toward DM accreditation picks up steam...Non-traditional DM approach targeting unexplained chronic symptoms delivers clinical and financial dividends...Bridge the treatment gap for CVD with preventive intervention...Education-based DM boosts outcomes for CHF patients while controlling costs*

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**Issue Brief**

*Source: Center for Studying Health System Change, No. 36 April 2001*

In this Issue:

*Tax Credits and Purchasing Pools: Will This Marriage Work? By Sally Trude and Paul B. Ginsburg*

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*For more information, contact HSC at (202) 554-7549 or visit their website at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)*

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**Issue Brief**

*Source: Center for Studying Health System Change, No. 37 April 2001*

*In this Issue:*

*Defined Contributions: The Search For A New Vision*

*For more information, contact HSC at (202) 554-7549 or visit their website at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)*

**Issue Brief**

*Source: Center for Studying Health System Change, No. 38 May 2001*

*In this Issue:*

*Emergency Room Diversions: A Symptom of Hospitals Under Stress By Linda R. Brewster, Liza S. Rudell and Cara S. Lesser*

*For more information, contact HSC at (202) 554-7549 or visit their website at [www.hschange.org](http://www.hschange.org)*

**News and Strategies for Managed Medicare & Medicaid**

*Source: Atlantic Information Services, Inc., Washington D.C*

*Sample Articles*

*In this Issue:*

*CHF QI Program May Yield Double Rewards for Medicare+Choice Plans; Many M+C Plans Return to Profitability Despite Media Focus on Plan Withdrawals; Congress' M+C Program Reform Looks More Promising This Time; M+C Plans Tap Experience To Prove Their Viability, Endurance; Maryland Grows Medicaid HMO Through Trimmer Operations, Better MD\_Relations; HCFA Region 2 Medicare HMO Profile; Expanding Cultural Competency Will Reap Rewards in the Future; Medicaid Plan Uses Incentives to Boost DM Program Participation; Educate Members and Reviewing Bodies to Reduce Overturned Appeals Decisions; Settlement Changes Member Notification Right; Humana Expects M+C Profits By 'Managing for Profitability'; Medicaid Plan Uses Financial Incentives to Improve Service Quality, Operations; To Reach Profitability, M+C Plans Must Streamline Their Businesses; Medicaid Eligibility Expansion Means More Potential Eligibles; Seniors See More M+C Benefits, Lower Premiums After BIPA; M+C Plans With the Highest Enrollment Growth; M+C Plans With the Highest Net Disenrollment; M+C Plan Using PhDx e-Systems To Access Members at Enrollment; North Carolina Demo Shows Value Of Case and Disease Management*

*For more information, contact Atlantic Information Services, Inc. at (800) 521-4323, by email at [customerserv@aispub.com](mailto:customerserv@aispub.com), or visit their website at [www.AISHealth.com](http://www.AISHealth.com)*

**NALBOH News Brief**

*Source: National Association of Local Boards of Health, May 2001*

*In this Issue:*

*President's Message...Public Health's Infrastructure Status Report...CDC Offers Help for Persons with Brain Injury...Report from Washington...A Model For Organizing Community Support...NALBOH Activities...Tobacco-Free USA...NALBOH Scholarship Application Form...NALBOH's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Highlights...A Look at Membership...Barberton Health Department Goes On-Line...Innovative Law, State Board of Health Regulations Streamline Colorado's Ability to Respond to Bioterrorism...BUFF DON'T PUFF Anti-Tobacco Program at Wasatch City/County Health Department (WCCHD)...Biological Agents as Natural Hazards and Bioterrorism as a "New" Natural Disaster Threat – Part II...Bioterrorism Planning Primer...NACCHO's MAPP Tool on the Web... Calendar of Events*



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**OCV Advocate**

*Source: Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Quarterly Newsletter, Spring 2001 Vol. 8 No. 4*

*In this Issue:*

*Sex Offenders In Our Midst: A Review of Community Notification; Civil Commitment; Contract & Application Information; Show Me The Money; Offender Accountability Act; Victims' Rights Week; The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; WCSAP 2001 Annual Conference; Upcoming Events*

***For more information, contact OCVA at (800) 822-1067 or (360) 725-2900, by email at [ocva@cted.wa.gov](mailto:ocva@cted.wa.gov), or visit their website at [www.ocva.wa.gov](http://www.ocva.wa.gov)***

**Sharing the Excitement of Science**

*Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, May 2001*

*In this Issue:*

*Sensor fish traveling to schools in Washington...Diagnostic software powers the bottom line...New research area information online...Scientist receives Health Physics Society award...Promising technology reduces harmful vehicle emissions...Labs join to pursue new semiconductor materials*

***For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit their website at [www.pnl.gov](http://www.pnl.gov)***

**Sharing the Excitement of Science**

*Source: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, June 2001*

*In this Issue:*

*PNNL scientists honored by Discover Magazine...Remote cleanup technology unveiled...New UW faculty tour EMSL...Plant-growth stimulator ready for testing...Laboratory technology used in Seattle Art Museum exhibit*

***For more information, contact PNNL at (888) 375-6550 or visit their website at [www.pnl.gov](http://www.pnl.gov)***

**State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, May 7, 2001*

*In this Issue:*

Cover Story – In the Internet age, confidential medical files can be transmitted in a wink. New federal rules seek to protect patient privacy, but states are debating reforms that go even further, closing loopholes and imposing financial sanctions.

Behavioral Health Notes – Substance abuse takes a high toll, in human and financial terms. Three recent resources shed light on various aspects of the problem.

Highlights – “Code Blue” for IL Medicaid...Medicaid drug rebates...IA after welfare reform...Doctor discipline survey...Infants & Rx drug errors...Patient safety task force...DC mental health initiative...Rx drug abuse study...STDs in ME, OH...Gun deaths...CA nursing home review...Help for caregivers.

Tracking Trends – As the tobacco settlement money comes rolling in, states are looking at a variety of financial strategies.

Ideas & Innovations – San Francisco General Hospital is on the cutting edge of a response to domestic violence: training its staff to recognize and intervene.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

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**State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, May 21, 2001*

In this Issue:

Cover Story – Pain is often ignored, in part because medical professionals are not trained to treat it, in part because patients fear becoming addicted to narcotic drugs. As the end-of-life movement gains momentum, however, management of pain is getting greater attention.

StateSpeak – Patient safety issues, overflowing ERs and a nursing shortage have made it an especially busy year for Massachusetts Sen. Richard Moore.

Highlights – MI information system...HCFA, close up...Residents' hours...ER closure study...Nonfatal injuries...Exercise for the elderly...Suicide prevention...UNC study on kids and snack foods...CDC birth defects center...Women's heart center...Rx drug cost study...CT suit vs. online pharmacy "outlaws."

Tracking Trends – The assisted living industry is growing by leaps and bounds, and state regulations are keeping pace.

Medicaid Monitor – Wisconsin's Family Care program has gotten good reviews. In the District of Columbia, officials are looking at a modified version of the program for the elderly, disabled.

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**State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, June 4, 2001*

In this Issue:

Cover Story – Congress hasn't yet acted on a Medicare drug benefit, leaving states as the target of constituents' ire over rising prices. In response, states are looking to expand coverage and ease cost pressures. *Notes* looks at two ambitious programs.

Focus On – Though not a new problem, the plight of abandoned newborns is prompting a rush of "safe haven" laws. What's motivating states?

Highlights – Uninsured moms...Web data tool...MA pharmacy benefit contract...OxyContin abuse...NJ Rx drug assistance program...Cholesterol guidelines...Stroke awareness...NJ AED project...SD seat belt campaign...CSU alcohol policy...Caregiver center...FL nursing home reforms

Tracking Trends – The nurse shortage is bad and getting worse. States are seeking ways to recruit and retain nurses.

Ideas & Innovations – A group of 73 Philadelphia-area hospitals is banding together on a 16-step initiative to reduce the incidence of medication errors.

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**State Health Notes**

*Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, June 18, 2001*

In this Issue:

Cover Story – Although blood lead levels are significantly lower than 15 years ago, 1.7 million kids—a majority of them poor—remain at risk for lead poisoning. Screening and treatment are spotty, but states are working to improve tracking, education efforts.

Highlights – OR patients' rights law...Teen pregnancy prevention...Mental health report...Physical restraints in IL...AZ antismoking campaign.

FYI – A new feature—For Your Information—replaces Medicaid Monitor and Ideas & Innovations. The first looks at a program to improve birth outcomes among poor women.

Feature Article – While scientists and public health officials see a link between chronic diseases and the environment, the nation still has no comprehensive system to monitor the situation.

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Health Talk – Shelley Hearne, executive director of Trust for America's Health, wants a nationwide network to track environmental factors in diseases.

Vital Signs – By the numbers: a look at chronic diseases, environmental pollutants that may have an interconnection.

***For more information, contact NCSL at (303) 830-2200.***

**WSMA Reports**

*Source: Washington State Medical Association, May/June 2001*

In this Issue:

Newsclips – WSMA's health-plan report card available for patients...A "must" conference for your group managers or administrators...Local clinic for low-income patients gets boost from feds...Local immunization information available on the Web...Free HIV/AIDS hotline material available for your waiting rooms...Free email service for job-seeking physicians...Help make patients aware of Tobacco Quit Line; free materials available

CMEs – Upcoming courses

Update from Physicians Insurance – Report of claim trends by specialty

Health Care Economics – Law on physician referrals and ownership interests

Risk Management – Our culture binds us together in seeing what's right, what's not

Drug Errors – Tracking the patient with an unexpected reaction

Classifieds

Newsmakers

***For more information, contact WSMA at (800) 552-0612 or (206) 441-9762 or visit their website at [www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org).***

**WSPHA**

*Source: Washington State Public Health Association, Spring 2001*

In this Issue:

*Public Health Month 2001...President's Corner...8<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Conference on Health...Summary of WSPHA January and March Board Meetings...Public Health Launches New Immunization Web Site...Summer Institute for Public Health Practice 2001...APHA Committee on Affiliates Holds Mid-year Meeting...Public Health Journal Gets a New Name and New Focus...Yakima County Immunization Survey Executive Summary...Public Health Loses a Pioneer...Send Resolutions!...Public Health Field Placements & Thesis Project...Please Respond To This Survey...UW, School of Public Health and Community Medicine Announce Certificate Program...Nominations Wanted for WSPHA Board...Exhibitor/Sponsor Information for the Joint Conference...Exhibitor/Sponsor Registration Form...Preliminary Program-2001 Joint Conference on Health...Registration for Joint Conference on Health...WSPHA Call for Award Nominations...WSPHA Award Nomination Form*

***For more information, contact WSPHA on their website at [www.wspha.org](http://www.wspha.org).***

**Western Governors' Report**

*Source: Western Governors' Association, June 2001*

In this Issue:

*Energy Policy, Reducing Wildfire Risks Among Annual Meeting Topics...Drug Policy Summit...TMDL Pilot Project...Wildfire Strategy...Ranch Conservation Report...Indian Land and Water Settlements...Market Transactions, Land Conservation...Wildfire Projects Part of 2002 Olympics*

***For more information, contact WGA at (303) 623-9378 or visit their website at [www.westgov.org](http://www.westgov.org).***

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**Code Blue: Workforce in Crisis**

*Source: Health Care Workforce Technical Advisory Committee, State of Georgia, May 2001*

*In this Report*

*Committee Members...Executive Summary...Introduction...Defining the Shortage...Recommended Actions to Understand and Address the Shortage...Summary of Accomplishments and Mutual Learning...Next Steps and Challenges Ahead...Conclusion...Key Reference Materials*

***For more information, contact the State of Georgia Health Strategies Council at (404) 656-0655***

**1998 Fatal Traffic Collisions in Washington State**

*Source: Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC), March 2001*

*Report prepared by Dick Doane*

*In this Report:*

*Overview...Fatal Crashes...Persons in Fatal Crashes...Safety Equipment Use in Fatal Crashes...Drivers in Fatal Crashes...Vehicles in Fatal Crashes*

***For more information, contact WTSC at (360) 753-6197 or visit their website at [www.wa.gov/wtsc/](http://www.wa.gov/wtsc/) (homepage)***

**Washington State/Seattle-King County HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Report**

*Source: Public Health-Seattle & King County and Washington State Department of Health, 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2000*

*In this Report*

*Summary Tables...HIV/AIDS Epidemiology and Surveillance News*

*This is the fifty-seventh edition of a report on the epidemiology of HIV and AIDS. Produced as a joint project by Public Health-Seattle & King County and the Washington State Infectious Disease and Reproductive Health Assessment Unit, it is funded in part by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cooperative agreement for HIV/AIDS surveillance.*

***For more information, contact PH-SKC HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Program at (206) 296-4645 or visit their website at [www.metrokc.gov/health/apu/epi](http://www.metrokc.gov/health/apu/epi)***

**Washington State Pregnancy & Induced Abortion Statistics 1999**

*Source: Washington State Department of Health, April 2001*

*In this Report*

*Introduction...Data Reporting Issues...How To Use Pregnancy and Abortion Data...Additional Services...Overview...Recent County Trends...Statistics Tables...Appendix A: Technical Appendix...Appendix B: Sample Forms*

***For more information, contact Center for Health Statistics at (360) 236-4300***

**Washington State Vital Statistics 1999**

*Source: Washington State Department of Health, April 2001*

*In this Report*

*List of Tables...Introduction...Washington Counties and County Seats...Differences from Previous Reports...Source of Vital Statistics...How to Use Vital Statistics...Why Read this Section?...Issues in Using the Data...Additional Services...Annual*

*Trends...Overview...Natality...Mortality...Marriage...Divorce...Appendices*

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